

CITY ASTONISHES YOUNG CENTENARIAN

Mrs. Mary Shepard, Who is Nearly 103, is as Sprightly as a Girl and Needs no Glasses.

RETURNS AFTER 40 YEARS.

Pulitzer Building, Brooklyn Bridge, the Skyscrapers and Hanson Cabs Cause Wonder to Old Lady, Whose Stove is Her Only Trouble

Mrs. Mary Shepard, who, if she lives until next Christmas, will be 103 years old, came to New York yesterday from her home in Poughkeepsie for the first time in more than forty years.

"Sure, I'm not a bit tired," the old lady protested when she presented herself at the World Building and expressed her intention of going through it from dome to press rooms in the basement.

Mrs. Shepard had come to town to see the sights, and see them she did. She was accompanied by her good friend, Mrs. W. Smead, of Poughkeepsie, but had very clever ideas of her own as to what she wanted to see and where she wished to go.

Mrs. Shepard, be it said, is a very chipper old lady. Her hearing is abnormally keen, her intellect unimpaired and her eyesight good. She wears no eyeglasses, and during her stay in the city her blue eyes were as bright, her cheeks as rosy and her step as light as a young girl's. Indeed, it takes a very active person to keep up with this cheerful young centenarian. She fairly skips over the ground and shows a lively curiosity in everything of interest around her.

Came by Steamer.

"We came down by the Mary Powell," she explained, "and are going back by the same way this evening. Sure, but it's the fine by, is the captain. No amount of money would he take from me an' I traded me to a fine bit of lunch in the pretty parlor of the boat, God bless him. An' he says, says he, that I can come down to the city every week if I like an' niver a dint will it cost me."

The blue eyes fairly danced and all the thousands of little creases lines on the scanned old face apparently were placed there to emphasize a jolly chuckle.

"Yes, I was about thirty-two years old when I came over from Ireland and it was New York that I lived in first, down on Greenwich street. Then, after a bit, my John followed me over and when we were married and lived on corner of Grand street and the Bowery."

Washed in Front Yards.

"In those days there were pumps in the streets of New York and we did our washin' in the front yards. It's different now."

Mrs. Shepard's memory is marvelous and she keeps up a continual running gait of interesting reminiscences whenever she goes.

"First, on the corner," she continued, "was a place where there were images and statues of dogs and other animals, then there was our house and then the bank. Oh, but it's different now! Sure, they've built on to the tops of the houses since then—they are so high.

"And, Lord love us, but what are they doin' to me now?" she exclaimed as the elevator shot up to the fifteenth floor.

When asked what she thought of this mode of transit Mrs. Shepard said smilingly: "Sure, it do be better than walkin' up all them stairs."

One very charming thing about this interesting old lady is that she always finds a happy side to everything. Perhaps it is to this spirit of content that she owes her long life.

"Sixty years ago," she went on, "I've moved to Poughkeepsie, and there I've lived ever since and gone always to the same old church—St. Peter's. John died soon and then the children—all but my son John," she added with pride, "who's livin' in Albany."

Wants to Be Alone.

"I've been there, yes, but I'd rather live at home, even if it is alone I be. There's too much noise in a house wid children, an' grandchildren an' great-grandchildren."

Mrs. Shepard still lives in the home left to her by her husband, No. 17 Davis street, Poughkeepsie, and exists by the contributions of her many friends. The only things that trouble her now are the mortgage of \$200 on her house and the interest and taxes which she must pay. The mortgage was taken at the time of her husband's illness and death and is owned in part by the undertaker.

"He's a real good, though," she says, "an' gives me back one out of every seven dollars I pay him. I don't only pay off the mortgage I'd die happy."

The old lady said, with the first anxious look that her peaceful old face had worn.

Mrs. Shepard does all her own work—cooking, washing and ironing, and even at times whitewashing.

Stove is a Trouble.

"The only thing that comes a bit hard now," she said, "is lighting the fire at a mornin'." The stove is a deal of trouble.

The making of a newspaper interested the old lady mightily, but people interested her still more.

"I do be likin' all these nice young men," she observed, "it's only old folks an' old bachelors that can't abide."

Brooklyn Bridge was a wonder to her, and she at once made clever comparisons to the Poughkeepsie and Albany bridges. But the high buildings awed her more than anything else.

"One, two, three, four—there must be eight floors," she counted, raising her head back until she said her neck and eyes ached.

The handsome cabs were of once a delight and puzzle to her.

"A jolly little horse, ain't he?" she said with enthusiasm, an' took at the way he do be turnin' for the cars, so wise-like!"

When she reached the Mary Powell at the close of the day, Mrs. Shepard said that she felt as if she could do it all over again.

MRS. MARY SHEPARD, YOUNG AT 103, HERE TO SEE WONDERS OF NEW YORK



THE RICH EAT TOO MUCH, SAYS DR. GEORGE F. SHRADY.

Experiment to Demonstrate Theory of Prof. Chittenden, of Yale, Excites Comment.

The experiment about to be tried by Prof. Chittenden, of Yale, who has a theory that we eat too much, is exciting great interest among medical men in New York. A detachment of Federal soldiers has been assigned to him by the War Department, and they will be fed according to the scientific ideas of the Yale man.

Perhaps the least interested in the experiment are the soldiers themselves, but Prof. Chittenden promises that they will be better fed than on the usual army rations. Exhaustive notes will be taken while the men are under the diet, and each individual case will be closely watched.

"There is no doubt that the majority of people eat too much," said Dr. George F. Shraday to-day.

"The rich are especially addicted to the overfeeding habit. With them bountiful breakfasts, heavy luncheons and elaborate dinners and sumptuous suppers are the rule. It is a question of living to eat rather than eating to live. The waste of material under the circumstances seems more than wicked, considering the needs of the poorer classes."

The laboring man, fortunately for him, limits his supplies to his actual necessities, and is proportionately the better for it.

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The Bostonian sighted a dismantled three-masted schooner. The latter had signals set asking assistance, and when the Bostonian approached nearer it was found that all her boats were gone and that the crew wished to be taken off.

The steamer's lifeboat was unable to get alongside the schooner, so one after another the ten men on the wrecked schooner jumped overboard and were picked up by the rescuers, the task being accomplished in about two and one-half hours.

The Field was a new vessel, completed at Arendal, Norway, in July.

MOTHER AND FIVE CHILDREN HUNGRY

Mrs. Annie Madden, of Brooklyn, with Her Little Ones, Walk the Streets Four Days Vainly Seeking Shelter.

After wandering about the streets four days with her five children, penniless and hungry, Mrs. Annie Madden, thirty-two years old, has at last found shelter in the Orphan Home.

The children have been sent to the Children's Society, accompanied by her children, Mrs. Madden entered the Ralph avenue station, Brooklyn, and asked Sergt. Sharkey for shelter for the little ones, who ranged in age from fourteen months to twelve years, while she sought food for them.

Mrs. Madden was hatless and without shoes, while the children were dressed in rags. They had been dispossessed from their home, at Broadway and Gates avenue, and since then had wandered about the streets.

The woman said she had been deserted by her husband a few weeks ago.

The police took up a collection and bought the children food and shoes. The police are seeking the husband.

TEN MEN RESCUED AT SEA.

BOSTON, Oct. 6.—While a southeast squall was raging and a high cross sea made navigation in a small boat difficult, Third Officer A. A. Cornwall and five of the crew of the steamship Bos-

tonian rescued the crew of the Norwegian schooner Field on Sept. 26 and brought them into port.

LAWYER DISPUTES ALBERST MARRIAGE

Says Certificate Showing Wedding of Widow Claimant to Estate Was Dated 2 Months After Alleged Husband Died.

CLAIMS ERASURE WAS MADE.

Referee to Take Testimony in Suit of Mrs. Maria Alberst for Accounting of Money Left by Herman Alberst, Held by J. T. Magee.

Henry W. Sackett has been appointed referee by Supreme Court Justice Barrett to take testimony in a remarkable case that has arisen over the settlement of the estate of Herman Alberst, who died on Sept. 15, 1901.

The present suit was brought by Maria Alberst, who claims to be the widow of Herman Alberst, to compel Joseph T. Magee to turn over to her a bond and mortgage for \$10,000 and cash deposited in banks amounting to about \$3,700.

Mrs. Alberst was represented by Headley M. Greene, who said that his client, who was Alberst's only heir, took out letters of administration on the estate in October, 1901; that Magee was her attorney until last June, and that the bond and mortgage, which ran to Maria Alberst and Herman Alberst, Jr., or the survivor, was now held by Magee.

Say His Mother Lives.

Ex-Judge Richard N. Arnov, appearing for Magee, made the startling reply that the plaintiff had never been the wife of Alberst and that she was aware of the fact that Alberst's mother, also named Maria Alberst, is alive and now an inmate of the Manhattan State Hospital on Ward's Island. Mr. Arnov further stated that the marriage certificate presented by the plaintiff to Magee in support of her claim to the estate had been issued in Washington in October, 1901, a month after the death of Alberst. In closing his reply Mr. Arnov said:

"Mr. Magee handed to me as his counsel all the papers in the case, including the marriage certificate. I was examining them carefully and happened to hold the certificate up to the light. Through it I saw that there had been an erasure on the certificate, and found that it was over the date.

Not a Wife, Says Lawyer.

"Investigation showed me that June 3 was not the real date, and I thereupon communicated with Washington, D. C., where the certificate was granted, and learned that the only record of such a marriage was dated Oct. 12, 1901.

"Your Honor will notice that Alberst had been dead then almost two months, and this woman was already acting as his administratrix. Furthermore, it should be noticed that the certificate had been carefully antedated to a date prior to the mother's commitment to the asylum. I can only characterize this affair as an audacious piece of deviltry, the like of which I have never seen in all my experience. This woman was never Herman Alberst's wedded wife; at best she was only his common-law partner."

Mr. Arnov produced the certificate in court to show the erasures.

A Child Can See the Reasons for the LAMBERT SUCCESS

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guarantee is more than a mere form of words. The beauty of our watches is more than skin deep. With us, an artistic case is emblematic of good works inside. We give a choice of Waltham, Elgin or Lambert movement. Although movements are not plentiful this year, and many jewelers are buying them at increased prices, we have not advanced the price of ours. We made heavy purchases early in the year, and by thus taking time by the forelock we saved money for our customers.



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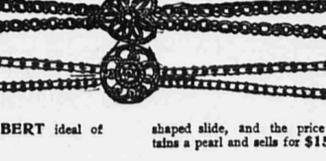
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